

# Tendon elastic energy storage

Elastic energy savings; Muscle-tendon elasticity Muscle and tendon energy storage refers to strain energy that is stored and elastically recovered within a muscle-tendon complex during each contractile cycle of a muscle.

Energy Storage. Tendon can play a significant role in efficient locomotion. When tendon is stretched it stores potential energy that can be recovered as work as the tendon is released. The characteristics of tendon allow 80-95% of this energy to be recovered. Wallabies use elastic storage in the ankle flexors during hopping . When the foot ...

During rapid energy-dissipating events, tendons buffer the work done on muscle by temporarily storing elastic energy, then releasing this energy to do work on the muscle. This elastic ...

Allometry of muscle, tendon, and elastic energy storage capacity in mammals Am J Physiol. 1994 Mar;266(3 Pt 2):R1022-31. doi: 10.1152/ajpregu.1994.266.3.R1022. ... Consequently, the capacity for elastic energy storage scales with positive allometry in these tendons but is isometric in the digital extensors, which probably do not function as ...

A morphometric analysis of the digital muscles provides an estimate of maximal in vivo tendon stresses and suggests that the muscle-tendon unit of the digital flexor is designed ...

It seems possible that only moderately large mammals and birds save much energy in running or hopping, by elastic storage in tendons. Wallabies and turkeys have masses of several kilogrammes, but kangaroo rats weigh only approximately 0.1 kg. ... Muscle-tendon stresses and elastic energy storage during locomotion in the horse. Comp. Biochem ...

In frogs, the plantaris longus muscle-tendon unit (MTU) is an important site of elastic energy storage (Astley and Roberts, 2012; Astley and Roberts, 2014). Here, we used isolated muscle preparations of the plantaris longus MTU to assess the tuning of muscle force capacity and spring properties.

The differences in material properties between mature flexor and extensor tendons are correlated with their physiological functions, i.e., the flexor is much better suited to act as an effective biological spring than is the extensor. We investigated the possibility that tendons that normally experience relatively high stresses and function as springs during locomotion, ...

In general, the hindlimb contributed two-thirds and the forelimb one-third to overall energy storage. Comparison of tendon elastic energy savings with mechanical work showed a maximum 40% recovery of mechanical work by elastic savings when the horses changed gait from a walk to a slow trot. Percentage of recovery then decreased with increased ...

Strain energy, or the amount of elastic energy storage in the tendon, is modeled following Hooke's law

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[see Eq. ( 8 )]. Here,  $F_{\text{Ankle}}$  is the ankle force impulse and  $L$  is the change in ...

It is concluded that mineralization is an efficient means for increasing the amount of elastic energy storage that is required for increased load-bearing ability needed for locomotion of adult birds. Animals store elastic energy in leg and foot tendons during locomotion. In the turkey, much of the locomotive force generated by the gastrocnemius muscle is stored as ...

Elastic energy storage in tendons in the legs, feet, and wings of many animals is an important mechanism that saves substantial quantities of muscular energy during loco-motion.<sup>1,2</sup> Elastic recoil, primarily by the tendons, converts most of the ...

The present study was designed to explore how the interaction between the fascicles and tendinous tissues is involved in storage and utilization of elastic energy during human walking. ...

Furthermore, these alterations in elastic properties occur to a significantly greater degree in the high-load-bearing flexors than in the low-stress extensors. At maturity the pig digital flexor tendons have twice the tensile strength and elastic modulus but only half the strain energy dissipation of the corresponding extensor tendons.

Calculations of elastic strain energy storage based on tendon stress showed similar patterns of increase with change of speed and gait, with the greatest contribution to elastic savings by the DDF tendons of the forelimb and hindlimb. In general, the hindlimb contributed two-thirds and the forelimb one-third to overall energy storage.

Previous studies have demonstrated an important contribution of elastic energy stored within the Achilles tendon (AT) during jumping. This study aimed to alter energy available for storage in the AT to examine changes in how jumpers distribute work among lower limb joints.

Elastic energy storage in muscle and tendon is important in at least three contexts (i) metabolic energy savings derived from reduced muscle work, (ii) amplification of muscle-tendon power during jumping, and (iii) stabilization of muscle-tendon force transmission for control of movement.

When the muscle produces force it stretches the tendon, storing elastic energy. The subsequent recoil of the tendon then generates a power far superior to our muscles. Our tendons are power ...

Small bipedal hoppers, including kangaroo rats, are not thought to benefit from substantial elastic energy storage and return during hopping. However, recent species-specific material properties research suggests that, despite relative thickness, the ankle extensor tendons of these small hoppers are considerably more compliant than had been assumed.

the elasticity of the achilles tendon provides an important mechanism: namely, the storage and release of

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elastic strain energy, which improves the economy and performance of motion (1, 2, 6, 25). Less tendon stiffness results in greater tendon elongation and greater elastic strain energy storage under a given extent of muscle force.

Yet, the proposed role for elastic energy storage and recovery is the reduction of muscle work, and at least for one study of frog muscles, it does not appear that replacing muscle work with tendon work reduces cost (Holt et al., 2014). We have more to learn about the energetic significance of elastic energy storage and recovery in cyclic motions.

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The AT exhibits elastic properties and we are therefore confident in stating that increases in tendon force necessitate increased energy storage. However, we were unable from the present data to ...

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Muscle-tendon architecture underlies muscle function and tendons provide the majority of elastic energy savings, but elastic savings is probably constrained by the need to reduce compliance for accurate control of position. & NA; Muscle-tendon architecture underlies muscle function. Whereas muscles generally contribute most to mechanical work, tendons ...

Labonte and Holt provide a comparative account of the potential for the storage and return of elastic strain energy to reduce the metabolic cost of cyclical movements. They consider the properties of biological springs, the capacity for such springs to replace muscle work, and the potential for this replacement of work to reduce metabolic costs.

We examine evidence for elastic energy storage and associated changes in the efficiency of movement across vertebrates and invertebrates, and hence across a large range of body sizes and diversity of spring materials. ... Alternatively, stretch and recoil of elastic tendons may reduce metabolic costs by enabling a reduction in muscle volume. If ...

Elastic energy storage and recovery in tendons during running may provide several benefits beyond the reduction of muscle work. The long slender tendons of distal limb muscles reduce ...

Indirect evidence for a reduction of muscle work requirements via storage of elastic energy comes from measurements of flight efficiency in wasps, mosquitos, and flies that exceed measured muscle efficiencies. Figure 1.

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While its role in tendon is currently undetermined, elastic fibers produce high elasticity, are highly fatigue resistant, and have the capacity for energy storage [3]. Localization of elastin in tendons is uncertain, but in canine cruciate ligaments, elastin has been found to be situated between fascicles [24] .

The present study was designed to explore how the interaction between the fascicles and tendinous tissues is involved in storage and utilization of elastic energy during human walking. Eight male subjects walked with a natural cadence ( $1.4 \pm 0.1$  m/s) on a 10-m-long force plate system. In vivo techniques were employed to record the Achilles tendon force and to scan real ...

Muscle and tendon energy storage represents the strain energy that is stored within a muscle-tendon complex as a muscle and tendon are stretched by the force developed by the muscle when it contracts. This energy may be subsequently recovered elastically when the muscle relaxes.

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